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Subject: Big Bill and Library Levies

Hi Gloria:

Here is some of the information you requested that deals with the impact on library levies by the last legislative session's so-called Big Bill. First, the major portion of the Big Bill that impacts libraries can be found as part of current law as provided in your "Montana Library Laws, Rules, and Public Library Standards" (January 2002). I refer you to 15-10-401 through 15-10-45 on pages 35-37 of this publication. Because your library was created as a multi-jurisdictional district, you will also want to make note of 7-11-1111 through 7-11-1112 on page 29.

According to "Montana Property Tax Mill Levies 2001-2002" published by the Montana Tax Foundation (bib info file from MSC Unicorn attached) a library levy of 0.24 mills was to be collected by Ravalli County based on a 2000-2001 County Taxable Valuation of \$49,026,493 and a 2001-2002 County Taxable Valuation of \$51,325,709. As listed in this publication, this appears as a library levy and not a part of the county general fund allotment of 12.73 mills for the same period.

As for interlocal agreement language dealing with mill caps, I suggest you review the following Attorney General's Opinion:

Volume No. 49: Attorney General Opinion No. 16 (Mike McGrath) which you can find at <http://doj.state.mt.us/resources/opinions2002/49-016.asp>

I know some of the above is a little difficult to translate from the legalese it is written in, so let me know what questions you have after reviewing these sources.

Bob

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